

March 4, 2003

To: Supervisor Yvonne Brathwaite Burke, Chair
Supervisor Gloria Molina
Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky
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From: David E. Janssen
Chief Administrative Officer

**NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
FOR THE VALLEY-DURFEE REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT – CITY OF EL MONTE
(FIRST DISTRICT)**

Consistent with your Board's instruction of February 4, 1997 regarding the preparation of reports on proposed redevelopment projects by the County's cities, and pursuant to the Policies and Procedures governing the County's approach to city redevelopment activities adopted by your Board on October 8, 2002, we are advising your Board that the City of El Monte has sent us the Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report (NPDEIR) for the Valley-Durfee Redevelopment Project. The Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report includes the following information:

- The Agency proposes to add a new Project Area in the City that totals approximately 142 gross acres including 353 parcels of industrial, commercial, and residential uses.
- The Agency would be authorized for a period of 12 years from the date of the adoption to use eminent domain when necessary to acquire all or a portion of the land in the Project Area, but not on residential properties.
- The Agency will establish a list of public improvement projects they may undertake should adequate revenue become available throughout the life of the Plan.

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A map of the added areas and an excerpt from the NPDEIR describing the project is included. Further information will be available in the Agency's Preliminary Report. The Preliminary Report will include the Agency's analysis of blight, assessment of proposed financing, amount of tax increment anticipated from the proposed project, and a description of the redevelopment projects planned by the Agency. Upon receipt of this document from the Agency, we will send your Board another report, including financial analysis and a determination of whether the proposed Amendments are generally consistent with redevelopment law

If you have any questions regarding this information, please call me, or your staff may call Chris Foley of my office at (213) 974-1197.

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Attachment

c: Auditor-Controller
County Counsel